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Letter dated 16 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the statement of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova on the illegal activities of General Lebed, the Commander of the 14th Russian Army, dislocated in the eastern part of my country.

I should be grateful if you would have the attached statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 80 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Tudor PANTIRU
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Statement of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova

(Chisinau, 14 September 1993)

Recently, in "partial elections" to the "Supreme Soviet" of the self-proclaimed "Dniester Moldovan Republic", General Alexander Lebed, the Commander of the 14th Russian Army, submitted his candidature for a vote and was elected as a member of the so-called "Parliament". Acting in this way, General Lebed demonstrated once again his well-known lack of good faith and total neglect of the provisions contained in the agreements between Presidents M. Snegur and B. Eltin.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova states that the decision of a foreign citizen, commander of a foreign army temporarily located on the territory of the Republic of Moldova, to take part in the "elections" to the anti-constitutional bodies of the so-called "Dniester Republic" represents nothing else than a brutal and unspeakable interference in the internal affairs of a sovereign State - the Republic of Moldova.

This action is considered by the Government of the Republic of Moldova as a new attempt by certain forces in Russia for a de facto recognition of the pseudo "Dniester Republic", as well as a clear signal of the unwillingness of the Russian side to withdraw its military units from the territory of the Republic of Moldova.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova expresses once again its regret and concern over the fact that it is not aware of any action and it has not received any response to the numerous statements and protest notes regarding the illegal actions of General Lebed, and it hopes that this time the Government of the Russian Federation will take all appropriate measures in order to stop these provocative actions which could aggravate the situation in the eastern districts of the Republic of Moldova as well as the good relations between the two countries.